



School Board Holds June Meeting; Seek New School Resource Officer

by Mark Fuller

The Cumberland Board of Education held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 17, with staff and building updates holding essential spots on the agenda. Following the approval of the Consent Agenda the Board moved right into District Reports.

Director of Learning Isaac Lundquist began the evening with a summary of the final in-service day for teachers. Kindergarten and first grade teachers focused on training for a new curriculum, while grades 2 through 12 addressed the Forward Report on Wisconsin State Standards, looking into trends within the District and forming Department action plans for the upcoming school year.

High School Principal Dan Hopkins followed by representing Athletic Director Lorne Majewski in addressing a summary of spring sports in the District.

The Board then moved into Action Items, where they first approved the 2025-2026 Professional and Associate Staff wage increase and Staff Handbooks.

The Handbooks were approved with minor changes, largely in calendar dates, while the 2025-2026 base wage increase for staff was set at 4 percent and 60 cents per hour for salaried employees. The recommendation for these increases came from Superintendent Dr. Barry Rose, who used the Consumer Price Index as a guide while looking at increases in surrounding schools, all while “Treating people right and retaining a quality staff.”

This was followed by the

approval of the resignation of Guidance Counselor Kristy Thompson from National Honor Society and the Advisor position of Students Offering Support and the hiring of Desirae Nichols as High School English Teacher, Ryan Zemke as Head Basketball Coach, and Erik Ethun as High School Assistant Football Coach.

Elementary Principal Abe Ferguson then kicked off Discussion Items with a look at District’s Achievement Gap Reduction Report, which the Wisconsin Department of Education established as a means to improve academic outcomes for low-income students in grades K-3 by providing funding and flexibility for schools to implement strategies like tutoring, instructional coaching, and reduced class sizes.

The AGR program allows a school to meet its obligations under the contract by using one of three strategies, or a combination of these strategies: (a) one-to-one tutoring provided by a licensed teacher; (b) instructional coaching for teachers provided by a licensed teacher; or (c) maintaining 18:1 or 30:2 classroom.

Schools participate in the program through a five-year contract and must report on their implementation and progress to the school board at the end of each semester. Mr. Ferguson showed the District had met successfully 15 of the 20 goals and discussed action plans to adjust as needed.

This was followed by a Referendum Construction Report from Dr. Rose.

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City of Cumberland Weekly Construction Update

Hines Lakeview Drive: This project is out for bids and construction is planned for later this year.

Foster and Grove: Final work is nearing completion and should be wrapped up by the end of this week. The pouring of concrete diamonds around manholes is imminent.

1st and Marshall: Project and construction kicked off this week. Work will start with blacktop and concrete removals and storm water work and transition to water main work next week.

Highway 63: Concrete removals and installation of street lighting conduit on the east side of the north/south portion of Highway 63 downtown is progressing quickly. This work, along with preparation for curb and gutter installation, is scheduled for completion by the end of this week. Installation of curb and gutter is still being planned prior to the 4th of July holiday

weekend.

Some concrete installation on the south side of the east/west portion of Highway 63 could be occurring in the next few days. Additionally, underground boring of street lighting conduit on portions of the west side of the downtown district (and at intersections) started Tuesday, June 24th. This work will hopefully be completed by the end of this week as well.

Next week contractors will begin adjusting utilities (i.e. manholes, water shut-offs, etc.) in the street surface in preparation for the mill and overlay process. Mill and overlay of the driving surface is still planned to commence immediately following the 4th of July holiday weekend. The process will start on the west side of town and head eastward along Highway 63 before turning northward at the Four Corners.

Awsome!



The third annual Back The Red & Blue Street Fair was once again a huge Success. \$25,250 was raised and donated equally to the Cumberland Police Department and the Cumberland Fire Department. Pictured are back row from left to right Officer Adam Steffan, Officer Jason Zimmerman, fireman Barry Kuenkel, Police Chief Heather Wolfe, firemen Jake Lundquist and Jim Hulleman, Jasmine and Ryatt Newhouse, firemen Andy Stuntz and Greg Weaver, Hammer Bar owner Brian Maudal, and firemen Matt Isker and Chad Olson. Front row from left to right are fireman Adam Newhouse, Bourbons Bar owner Kris Zappa, K-9 Kilo and Officer Anthony Brunner.

Total Loss!



The Cumberland Fire Department was called out to the Keagal farm located on County Hwy T last Wednesday, June 18th for a barn fire. The barn was engulfed in flames when they arrived on scene. The barn was used to store hay. According to Cumberland Fire Chief Chad Olson, a worker attempted to remove a bale of hay that was stacked, damp and very warm. When the bale was removed it provided air which caused the fire to instantly ignite and spread very quickly. The Barron Fire Department was called in for mutual aid as well but the barn was a complete loss. Chief Olson also stated the fire was so hot it melted the siding off the house which was approximately 75 yards away. Firemen were on scene for nearly 6 hours. There were no injuries.

Taste In Cumberland!



There was something for everyone at the annual Taste In Cumberland held Monday night at the Cumberland Golf Club. Over 75 vendors were on hand serving up tasty snacks, drinks and more. The annual event is a fundraiser for Boys & Girls Clubs of Barron County.

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Bluegrass band Roe Family Singers are up next for the Island City Music Concert Series. They will be performing Tuesday, July 1st, 6 pm to 8 pm.

Kid-friendly music July 1 at the beach

Roe Family Singers, a Twin Cities bluegrass band, will be playing again this year at the kid-friendly Island City Music concert held every year during Fourth of July week. The concert, on Tuesday, July 1, is sponsored by the Thomas St. Angelo Public Library Foundation, which will give books to the kids who come. The concert, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., is free. The Shank N Shig BBQ food truck will be there. The event will be at Tourist Park, the new location for the Tuesday concerts, after seven years on the parking lot behind the library. The school district's kayaks will be available for use during the concert. If it rains, the concert will be at the Cumberland Arts Center, 1595 Second Ave. Bring a lawn chair.

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Directed by Roger Sweeney Cast front left to right: Rick Snyder, Ben Heer, Linda Berglund, Back Left to right: Dave McNulty, Roger Sweeney, Christina Karr, Tommy Yousten
June 18-28, 2025

Red Barn's Second Show Delivers Mystery and Humor

The last performances of the Red Barn's production of "The Psychic" are filling up. The show runs through June 28. Don't miss the fun! Curtains open each evening at 7:30 pm. There are no Sunday performances. The Red Barn is located

northeast of Rice Lake at the junction of Highway 48 and County Trunk M. Reservations may be made by calling 715-234-8301, going online at redbarn-theatre-ricelake.com or in person at the ticket booth. Single admission is \$20.

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6:00-7:30 pm Dawson Johnson Wrestling Practice •
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WEDNESDAY, JULY 2: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE Pickleball - ES Gym • 3:30-5:30 pm HS Boys Basketball Open Gym • 5-7 pm CCE Pickleball •

Kayaks and Music on Beaver Dam Lake

Cumberland Community Education is proud to announce for the 9th year that Cumberland School District Kayaks and lifejackets will be available on Tuesday evenings during the Concert Series on the shores of the Cumberland Beach from 6-8 pm.
Kayaks will be available on Tuesday's beginning: Tuesday, June 10, 2025
Cost: FREE however donations will be much appreciated! So come down, listen to some tunes and bring the whole family!
*Launch located near the music on the shores of Beaver Dam/ Cumberland Beach**
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Northwoods Notebook: A peaceful, beautiful place for music

By Larry Werner

On the third Tuesday of this month, Ann and I shared an evening of serenity with a couple hundred of our friends and neighbors at Cumberland’s place of beauty and joy. It was concert night at the City Beach, and two magnificent performers were filling the summer air with music that ran the gamut from jazz to rock.

I sat back in my lawn chair, let the beautiful singing of Dustin DeGolian and Emily Watkins sink in, looked up at the bluest of skies and out at the glassy water of Beaver Dam Lake, thinking and feeling it doesn’t get much better than this.

This is the second summer ETC has been presenting its Island City Music at Tourist Park — a bad name, I think, for our special place. This is our park, our rolling lawn, our shade trees, our beach on the shore of our magnificent lake, not the tourists’ place.

After the concert by The Double Stops, Diane Thorp said: “This is Cumberland’s

oyster,” an oyster bearing a pearl of a park where we now gather to be entertained by the enormously talented musicians and singers who, for some reason, live in and around here.

Can anyone play a guitar riff better than Dustin, or sing more plaintively than Beth McClain? The talent in this town is nothing short of awesome. And it’s on display every Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at our park.

When I started the summer music series with a woman named Tia Duncan, long gone now from Cumberland, we held the concerts on the Rutabaga Festival’s pepper-eating stage downtown. The stage was there and that’s where music is performed during Baga Fest. So each Tuesday, I’d surround the area in front of the stage with barricades, and each Tuesday the bands would climb onto a rickety stage, playing to people who sat on hot pavement.

Several local folks, in particular Jennifer Turcott, would suggest to any ETC

person who would listen that the concerts should be moved to the park, and we resisted, until last spring. We got a little stage that had been used for outdoor services at Augustana Lutheran, and moved it to a place where guests could sit under shade trees, on grass instead of asphalt.

People came in greater numbers than they used to come downtown, and I think our biggest crowd was at the June 17 Double Stops performance.

Now, on Tuesday evenings, as I soak in the rock, gospel, jazz, bluegrass or oldies, as I watch children running from where their parents sit to the playground below, as I see people paddling the school district’s kayaks and pon-toon parking on the shore, as I see people lining up for brats or ribs or cavatelli, I must admit I was wrong.

Jennifer, my friend, you were right: This beautiful place at the City Beach is where the Island City’s beautiful music belongs.

Larry Werner’s email is lhwerner47@gmail.com.

Congratulations to the following students for achieving high honors and honors for the 2nd Semester grading period at Cumberland Middle and High School for the 2024-2025 school year

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Opinion



Out My Window

by Paul Bucher, Editor

Well I made the trip over to Eagle River area with my longtime buddy Ron, Isaac’s Godfather, for Isaac’s bachelor party. Ike and his buddies were there for three days, one day was plenty for me. It was so much fun. We golfed, boated, fired the blackstone and had a bonfire, plus some silly young guy games that I passed on. He has a really good group of buddies, no one got out of hand. I’m guessing those guys were happy to get home on Sunday. One highlight for me “NOT” was when I went to go to bed Saturday night and Isaac was in my bed. Guess what, he’s a big man and takes up a lot of bed space. I’m not small either, but he definitely had more than his half. Anyway, it was a blast. Kudo’s to the boys who made it home Sunday in time to play for the Islanders on a super hot sticky day. Oh to be young again!

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The Taste in Cumberland was greeted with nearly perfect weather Monday night. There were over 75 vendors I believe, from all over the place. There was a ton of food and drink for sure. Great job to those that put this event on. It takes a lot of planning for sure. It is a fun time for a great cause, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Barron County.

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Speaking of great causes, a big shout out goes to Kris Zappa and Jasmine Newhouse from Bourbons Bar, as well as the Hammer Bar and everyone who donated and took part in the annual Back the Red & Blue Street Fair. The event raised over \$25,000 that was split between two departments. Pretty dang awesome!

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The Wednesday, July 2nd edition of the Advocate will see the price increase to \$1.50. Trust me, it is not something we wanted to do, but it’s necessary. Price increases at the printing plant, post office and basically everything, made it necessary. I think most papers around the state are at that rate or more. Anyhow, thank you for our continued support. Have a great week!

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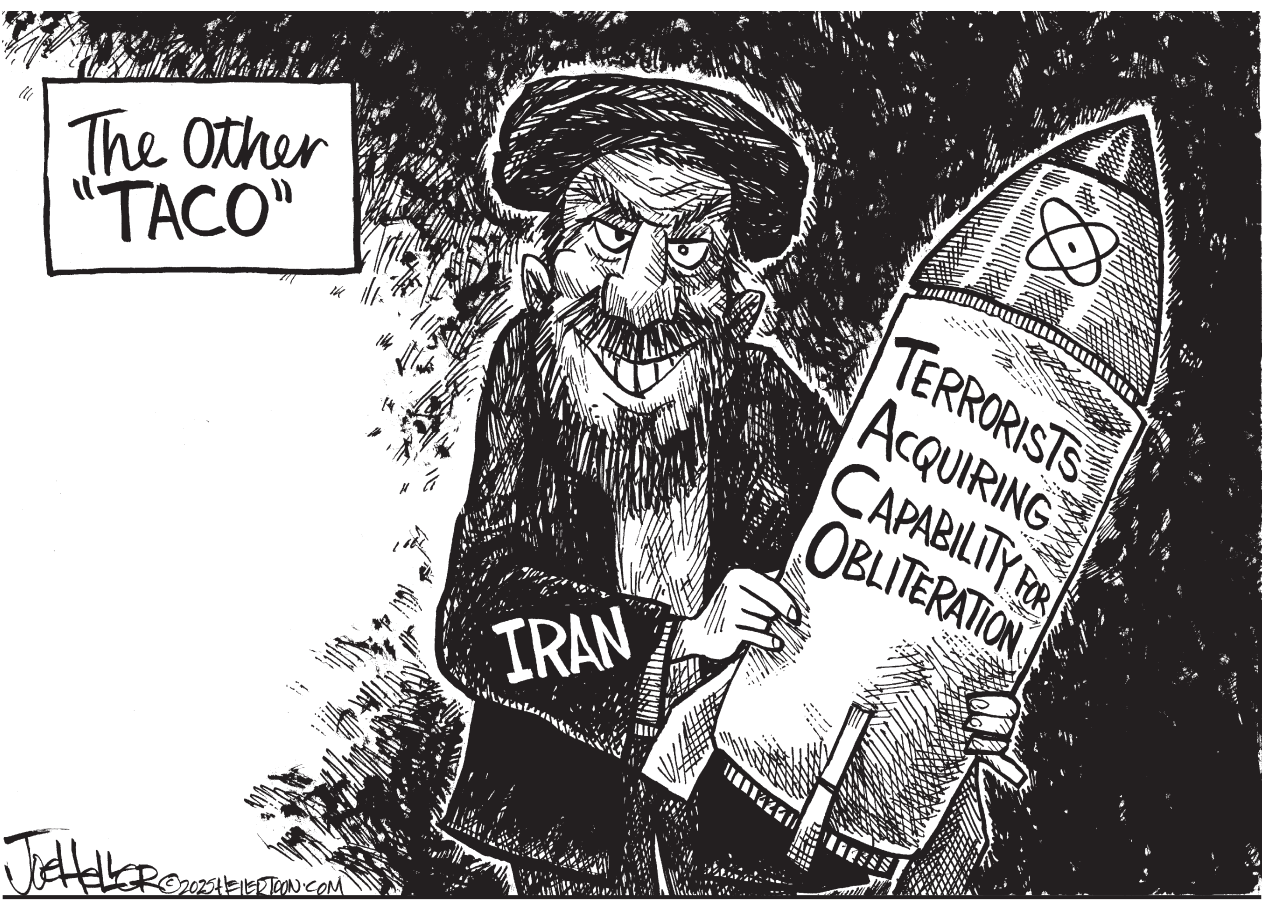
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Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

“Smaller communities aim to find ways to remain relevant, competitive”

EDGERTON, Wis. – At a time of missile launches in the Middle East, grinding war in Ukraine, political assassination in Minnesota and a potentially crushing national debt hanging over the economy, it’s a relief to visit a place where people gather for lunch, sing a patriotic song and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

All at the world’s biggest Culver’s restaurant, no less.

Tuesday at the Edgerton Rotary Club was more than an excuse for a burger, fries and a dish of ice cream just off I-39. It was a chance to talk about Wisconsin’s economy and to suggest it’s not just about seeding prosperity in larger cities, but in the state’s smaller communities, as well.

Edgerton is such a community. With roughly 6,000 citizens, it’s north of Janesville, south of the Madison area and mostly contained in Rock County. The Rotary Club group included school board members, Chamber of Commerce representatives, the publisher of the Edgerton Reporter, the president of the Edgerton Hospital and the mayor, who was sporting a “Tobacco City U.S.A.” T-shirt to mark the region’s upcoming heritage days celebration.

Guests and grandchildren were welcome; so were audience questions. They covered Wisconsin’s tech-based economy, the rise of electronic health records, early stage capital trends, Big Pharma companies just across the border in Illinois, and proposed cuts in National Institutes for Health research grants.

One might expect those themes would surface more readily on a major college campus or a business gathering in a larger city, but this was Edgerton – and these service-minded citizens were quick to recognize they’re part of a larger economy.

My role was to talk about the Wisconsin economy in ways that included its historic manufacturing base, its growing technology sectors, major trade partners and the reality that supply chains don’t begin and end with the largest companies. They extend into most corners of the state.

Long-time residents of Edgerton know such connections can cut both ways. The city lost a major vehicle-related plant in 1980, and it took a while to bounce back. There are still manufacturers in and around the city today, and the Rotarians seemed to recognize the importance

of supporting incumbents and while courting newcomers.

There are also tech-based companies nearby, such as SHINE Technologies and NorthStar Medical Radioisotopes in Rock County, as well as national firms such as ABC Supply and Hendricks Holding Company. With Madison not far away, might Edgerton feel a larger “bedroom community” effect?

The region also has colleges to help train workers and to produce young entrepreneurs, such as two southern Wisconsin startup founders who this month were among the winners of the 2025 Wisconsin Governor’s Business Plan Contest.

The group was interested to hear that Wisconsin’s leading trading partners start with its closest neighbors – Canada and Mexico – and extend to China, Germany, Australia, Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Belgium, the Republic of Korea, Taiwan and Japan, basically in that order.

There was some skepticism about how tariffs will play out for a state that ships industrial machinery, electrical machinery, medical and scientific instruments, agricultural commodities, plastics, paper

and much more to those nations and others.

Club members also heard that Wisconsin startups have attracted more out-of-state and foreign investment of late, although much work remains to catch the state’s Midwest neighbors when it comes to venture capital.

It was a conversation that could have taken place in many of Wisconsin’s smaller communities, in groups much like the Edgerton Rotary Club. That’s because people in small cities, villages and towns sometimes wonder what the future holds in a world filled with uncertainties. They may worry about economic stagnation, declining populations, job paths to keep young people at home, and maintaining a solid infrastructure.

They hang together, however, through social and civic ties that bind. They absorb new information, ask questions and think about what lies around the corner. It need not involve a service-club pledge or a cheeseburger, but as this Tuesday meeting demonstrated, both can spark some healthy conversation.

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A Look Back

Look Back-1982

The first school in Cumberland was not on the island proper, but just across the Bonnet Bridge, at the foot of the lake on Highway P. Many students had to walk several miles to attend it. The school was built during the winter of 1876-77. Before the first school was built, Mrs. George Hodgkin had established one for her own children in her home, teaching them at designated hours of the day. When this became known to her neighbors, they asked permission to send their children to her for instruction. She agreed. The charge was one dollar a month for each pupil.

The first district school teacher was Miss Ida Schofield, but after working just one month, she retired and the balance of her term and the next one was taught by Miss Carrie Fay.

The first school district consisted of Cumberland and small adjacent areas of the Townships of Cumberland and Crystal Lake. Serving on the first school board were G.C. Hodgkin, Gunder Dahlby and Horace Seward.

While the enrollment in the first long school house was not recorded, it was soon too large for the building. In 1880, electors at a special school board meeting voted to build a new building “to cost not more than \$2,000”. The white frame

structure was completed in 1881 and stood at the southwest corner of Grove Street and First Avenue where the Stella Cheese plant is now located. The school had the status of a state grade school, with the students divided into eight grades. In 1883, the enrollment was 235, and with later additions the building was capable of housing nearly 300 pupils.

In 1884, a few students in the upper grades received some high school instruction from the principal. By 1887, three were ready to graduate from a three year course. They were Fred W. Miller, Guy Olcott and Esta Stow. In 1888, a full four-year course of study was adopted and six students graduated. There is no record of graduating classes in 1889 or 1890, but in 1891, four students received diplomas in the first commencement exercises ever conducted for a CHS graduating class. The ceremony was held in Miller’s Hall, on the third floor of the Old Company Store building, and receiving their “Sheepskins” were Asoph Broeffle, Lydia Miller, Cora Shipman and Jay Hamilton.

Because the old white school house had outgrown its expanded six rooms by 1890, a new building was constructed to the south. It housed high school students on the second floor and the primary department on the

ground floor. The old building remained in use for the other elementary grades. This new high school building still stands and is now the Masonic Temple on First Avenue.

As the city continued to grow, so did the school enrollment in 1899, there were 53 students in the high school and 301 in the grades. By 1900, it was necessary to rent space outside of the two buildings.

In 1901, enrollment at the high school was 58 pupils, while the grades had 382. The high school had two teachers in addition to the principal. There were seven teachers in the elementary school.

According to Fred Moser, in his account in the Centennial book, “Cumberland people had been discussing a new building to house all grades by the time of the annual meeting in July. 1900, because enrollment had filled the two frame buildings and spilled over into the Odd Fellow’s Hall and a store building. At that meeting, there was a general agreement that a new building was needed, and the school board had in mind a 10-room structure to cost about \$15,000. It was decided to move a new site, partly because of lack of ground space, but more especially because the livery stable which adjoined the school property emitted

smells, flies and a low moral tone.”

By 1903, a site on Second Avenue was selected for the new building. By then the enrollment was 531 and it was necessary to erect a larger structure than originally planned. Construction on the school which we remember as the 1903 building was started during the summer of 1903 and completed January of 1904. It was four stories tall, contained 17 rooms and cost \$35,000. The building was 110 feet long and 85 feet wide. The exterior was of dressed brick with red sandstone trim. Included on the top floor was a much needed auditorium-gymnasium. This building was to house all the high school and elementary grades until 1921.

In 1921, an enrollment of more than 500 became too much for the building to handle. A frame building was then constructed across Second Avenue to house grades one, two and three. This building is now the American Legion.

Enrollment neared 600 Pupils by 1923. With almost 200 of them in high school, the need for a new school could no longer be denied. The vote for the \$100,000 structure was overwhelming and work on it was begun early in 1924, and was ready for use early in 1925.

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Court News

Barron County Circuit Court

Traffic Court

Bowe R. Blackwell, 32, Clear Lake, operating while revoked, \$516.00. Cody M. Reynolds, 46, Cumberland, operating while revoked, \$516.00. A-1 Express Trucking LLC., Bloomer, interstate/intrastate driving requirements, \$200.50 and vehicle equipment violations-group 1, \$238.30. Matthew R. Andres, 41, Duluth, MN., speeding, \$225.70. Joshua T. Benjamin, 39, Cumberland, failure to wear a seat belt, \$10.00. Nikolaus C. Beuthling, 42, Chetek, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00 and failure to wear a seat belt, \$10.00. Jodi L. Bouchard, 39, Weston, speeding, \$200.50 and operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. Angela D. Bruner, 35, Webster, speeding, \$225.70. Elizabeth B. Carlson, 25, Chippewa Falls, speeding, \$200.50. David L. Christensen, 24, Rice Lake, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. Scott R. Christman, 63, Rice Lake, failure to wear a seat belt, \$10.00 and operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. Peter J. Clemetson, 50, Ridgeland, non-registration of vehicle, \$175.30 and operating while suspended, \$200.50. David J. Czech, 58, River Falls, non-registration of vehicle, \$175.30. Brenda J. Danielson, 62, Cadott, speeding, \$200.50. MacKenzie T. Dickson, 48, Iron River, speeding, \$213.10. Donna J. Doolin, 72, Rice Lake, failure to wear a seat belt, \$10.00 and operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. Christopher W. Farmer, 53, Chetek, operating without carrying a license \$150.10. Zachary S. Fisher, 22, Saron, speeding, \$250.90. Michael A. Gerber, 60, failure to obey traffic officer/signal, \$175.30. Karen A. Greenwold, 63, Chetek, speeding, \$250.90. Logan R. Haws, 26, Marshfield, speeding, \$200.50. Amanda D. Hills, 33, Rice Lake, speeding, \$250.90. Robyn A. Hoechst, 56, Shafer, MN., speeding, \$175.30. Carter J. Katz, 21, Chippewa Falls, speeding, \$200.50. Jonathon R. Keopple, 20, Rice Lake, non-registration of vehicle, \$175.30. Robert R. Kittel, 64, Chetek, speeding, \$175.30. Erich S. Kunzman, 33, Cedar, MN., operate without a valid license, \$200.50. Edwin O. Luna-Martinez, 34, Ortonville, MN., operating while revoked, \$250.00. Troy G. Madrigal, 22, Lakeview, 32, Clear Lake, operating while revoked, \$516.00. Cody M. Reynolds, 46, Cumberland, operating while revoked, \$516.00. A-1 Express Trucking LLC., Bloomer, interstate/intrastate driving requirements, \$200.50 and vehicle equipment violations-group 1, \$238.30. Matthew R. Andres, 41, Duluth, MN., speeding, \$225.70. Joshua T. Benjamin, 39, Cumberland, failure to wear a seat belt, \$10.00. Nikolaus C. Beuthling, 42, Chetek, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00 and failure to wear a seat belt, \$10.00. Jodi L. Bouchard, 39, Weston, speeding, \$200.50 and operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. Angela D. Bruner, 35, Webster, speeding, \$225.70. Elizabeth B. Carlson, 25, Chippewa Falls, speeding, \$200.50. David L. Christensen, 24, Rice Lake, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. Scott R. Christman, 63, Rice Lake, failure to wear a seat belt, \$10.00 and operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. Peter J. Clemetson, 50, Ridgeland, non-registration of vehicle, \$175.30 and operating while suspended, \$200.50. David J. Czech, 58, River Falls, non-registration of vehicle, \$175.30. Brenda J. Danielson, 62, Cadott, speeding, \$200.50. MacKenzie T. Dickson, 48, Iron River, speeding, \$213.10. Donna J. Doolin, 72, Rice Lake, failure to wear a seat belt, \$10.00 and operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. Christopher W. Farmer, 53, Chetek, operating without carrying a license \$150.10. Zachary S. Fisher, 22, Saron, speeding, \$250.90. Michael A. Gerber, 60, failure to obey traffic officer/signal, \$175.30. Karen A. Greenwold, 63, Chetek, speeding, \$250.90. Logan R. Haws, 26, Marshfield, speeding, \$200.50. Amanda D. Hills, 33, Rice Lake, speeding, \$250.90. Robyn A. Hoechst, 56, Shafer, MN., speeding, \$175.30. Carter J. Katz, 21, Chippewa Falls, speeding, \$200.50. Jonathon R. Keopple, 20, Rice Lake, non-registration of vehicle, \$175.30. Robert R. Kittel, 64, Chetek, speeding, \$175.30. Erich S. Kunzman, 33, Cedar, MN., operate without a valid license, \$200.50. Edwin O. Luna-Martinez, 34, Ortonville, MN., operating while revoked, \$250.00. Troy G. Madrigal, 22, Lakeview,

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Complaints

Ubaldo Espinoza, 32, of Omaha, NE., has been charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. His court date was scheduled for June 12, 2025.

Morgan A. Lund, 20, of Oakdale, MN., has been charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her court date was scheduled for June 18, 2025.

George E. Groveau, 66, of Chetek, has been charged with obstructing an officer, disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. His court date was scheduled for June 13, 2025.

Scott J. Bond, 54, of Woodville, has been charged with operate ATV or UTV improperly on routes/trails/lands/roadway. His court date is scheduled for July 16, 2025.

Daniel A. Robb, 62, of Comstock, has been charged with disorderly conduct. His court date is scheduled for July 2, 2025.

Criminal Traffic

Carlos Villagomezlopez, 43, of Barron, has been charged with operate without a valid license. His initial appearance is scheduled for July 9, 2025.

Alonso G. Mendez, 30, of Barron, has been charged with operate without a valid license. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for July 9, 2025.

Criminal Complaints

Heather A. Krueger, 36, of Rice Lake, has been charged with interfere with fire fighting equipment, disorderly conduct and resisting or obstructing an officer. Her competency hearing is scheduled for July 15, 2025.

Jeffrey D. Anderson, 53, of North Branch, MN., has been charged with possession of methamphetamine. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for July 23, 2025.

Vilee H. Carlstrom, 56, of Lauderdale, MN., has been charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her preliminary hearing is scheduled for June 26, 2025.

Aziya A. Simmons, 24, of Madison, has been charged with misappropriate ID info. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for July 9, 2025.

Patricia W. Idle, 37, of Rice Lake, has been charged with possession of narcotic drugs and possession of a controlled substance. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for July 2, 2025.

Justin R. Johnson, 49, of Cameron, has been charged with OWI, operating while revoked and ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for June 25, 2025.

Austen M. Matye, 28, of Rice Lake, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, repeater, posses-

sion of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for June 25, 2025.

Brian J. Weber, 51, of Barron, has been charged with possess with intent-amphetamine/methamphetamine/etc. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for June 25, 2025.

Tyler C. Sprague, 21, of Birchwood, has been charged with 18 counts of possession of child pornography, lifetime supervision of serious sex offenders.

On January 5, 2024, a Rice Lake Investigator was assigned to investigate two separate CyberTips from the Wisconsin Department of Justice. The submitter of the CyberTip that was ultimately forwarded to the investigator was an entity known as Snapchat.

The report of the investigator indicates that the CyberTip received from Snapchat provided several pieces of information concerning the potential source of the file that was the subject of the CyberTip. The screen/user name of the CyberTip account was "youngmoney-422." A phone number was also provided. Two separate Internet Provider addresses were also provided. In addition, a file was also provided.

The report of the investigator indicates that he viewed the file that was the subject of the CyberTip. The report of the investigator indicates he downloaded the file. The investigator described the file that was the subject of the CyberTip.

In describing these files, the investigator used the terms “pubescent” and “prepubescent.” The term “pubescent” means a child who has begun to develop and display mature body shape and genital organs and/or secondary sexual characteristics. The term “prepubescent” describes a child who does not exhibit any, or very little, or physical development.

The report of the investigator reports that on or around December 11, 2023, an administrative subpoena had been sent to Mosaic Telecom in relation to the two IP addresses. The information received back from Mosaic Telecom indicated a subscriber who lived in Rice Lake, and also provided a customer subscriber name of C.H.-V.

The report of the investigator indicates that he subsequently learned that C.H.-V. was an individual subject to a guardianship proceeding out of Eau Claire County. He also learned that C.H.-V. lived in Rice Lake. The report of the investigator indicates that he spoke with the owner of the company that provides care to C.H.-V. and learned that on the date

of the CyberTip, which was September 20, 2023, and September 21, 2023, is the same date that an individual, named Tyler Sprague, worked from 8:00 am on September 20, until 8:00 am on September 21, 2023, at the actual physical location of the above residence. The owner also indicated that he has observed Tyler Sprague with two phones and believed at least one of them was an iPhone. He also stated that to his knowledge, C.H.-V. does not have an iPhone. Information generated during the investigation indicated that an iPhone was used to access the video that was the subject of the CyberTip. The report of the investigator also indicates that he learned from the owner of the company that provides care for C.H.-V., that C.H.-V. is nonverbal and needs care 24 hours per day, 7 days a week.

The reports of the investigator indicate that he subsequently prepared a search warrant to Snapchat for the account of “youngmoney-422.” His report indicates that he received information back from Snapchat that included a conversation between “youngmoney-422” and another user, which included over 400 messages.

The investigator reports that after reviewing the chat, he hadn't seen any evidence that showed "youngmoney-422" had sent the Child Sexual Assault Material (CSAM) files to that user. However, the investigator then went into the conversations document provided by Snapchat, and located two lines that show he sent a media id that matched a media id in the chat document. The investigator reports that this media id matched up with the video that was sent in the CyberTip, and found again in Snapchat, of the two females and a male.

The investigator reports he also found four photos of a male that appeared to be selfies, meaning that person in the photo was likely the account holder. The report of the investigator indicates that he searched the phone

number associated with the CyberTip. This is the same number also in the subscriber information from the Snapchat records. Based upon his search of the phone number, that number came back to one person, the defendant, Sprague. The report of the investigator also indicates that he located information in Rice Lake Police Department records of an encounter between an individual named Tyler Sprague, who was arrested on April 1, 2022, for an OWI. The investigator reviewed the body camera footage of that encounter and observed that the Sprague matched the same individual that was in the photos that he located on the Snapchat account records.

The investigator reports that on February 7, 2024, he, along with other officers, executed a search warrant in Birchwood. The investigator reports he, and a detective with the Barron County Sheriff's Department, approached the house and knocked on the door. A male subject, later identified as Sprague, answered the door and advised he was the only one home. The investigator reports the detective advised that Sprague was asking to go get his phone, which was allowed. The investigator reports the detective followed Sprague into his bedroom where he grabbed his cell phone.

The investigator's reports reflect Sprague eventually handed a cell phone over to him that had been in his pocket. The investigator reports a Digital Evidence Specialist with the Department of Criminal Investigation, briefly reviewed the cell phone, as well as a laptop, and did not locate any evidence, but was only able to complete a limited search on scene, and needed the devices sent to his lab for a more in-depth search.

The investigator reports on December 17, 2024, he went to the DCI office in Altoona and picked up evidence related to this matter.

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Look Back...

The next addition came in 1940 when a shop was erected behind the 1903 building at a cost of \$10,000.

Over the years, the school population fluctuated a great deal. During the war years, high school enrollment dropped but elementary enrollments generally remained stable. But then the era of demise of the rural schools entered the picture and elementary enrollments boomed.

In 1953, a six-room addition was erected between the two larger existing buildings, connecting all three of the older structures.

It cost \$110,000 and made it possible to move all of the elementary grades out of the 1924 building.

In 1958, district electors approved the construction of a new high school building in the southwest part of the city. The structure, which cost \$850,000, was completed in 1959, and had a planned student capacity of 475. It consisted of 63,000 square feet and contained a 100 foot by 100 foot gymnasium and 22 teaching stations.

In 1965, a junior high wing was added to the west of the high school building and an

addition was made to the 1924 building for its use as an elementary school. This made it possible to abandon the 1903 building and it was razed in 1965. The complete project cost in excess of \$500,000.

Since then, other additions have been made at the high school, and two prefab buildings-one in 1970 and the other in 1974-have been added to the north side and attached to the 1953 building. One is used as a first grade classroom and the other for headquarters and classroom for Title I disabilities and reading specialist.

Barronett News

By Judy Pieper

The fishermen and women are back, and they all brought their limit of fish!! Every year at Fathers’ Day time a whole bunch of our family head to Open Bay Lodge by Upsala, Ontario Canada for a week of doing nothing but sitting in a boat on a humongous lake fishing. Duane rode up to the lodge with Jerry Marsh. Suzy, Ryan and Tru Lehmann, Art and Jill Adams, and Jerry’s friends, Bob and Deb followed them. When they got to the lodge, more of the Lehmann family and friends were there to compete in the biggest and smallest catch categories. It sounded like they all had a wonderful time -- the fishing was great, competition was fun and sitting around visiting at night was the perfect end of every day.

Now, you might be wondering why, if it is so much fun, I do not go along. Well, I’ll tell you – My idea of fun on a boat is taking a kayak out on Granite or Horseshoe Lake. When Duane and I go fishing, we go in a little aluminum boat with oars and a trolling motor. Anything that goes faster than about five miles per hour is off-limits for me. And besides, I get a lot of stuff done in the week that they are gone. Nope – Don’t want to speed out about five miles, sit in a boat on a lake with whitecaps, and catch fish with big teeth.

The Thon family are also back from a week-long vacation in Texas. Lynn, Garrett, Kandice, Kane and Pierce – and their dogs, Tex and Enzo – left for Texas on the same day that the rest of the family went to Canada. They had a great time too – Garrett, Kane and Pierce did a lot of fishing in a big lake

– I think it is called Lake Fort. They sent pictures of the big bass that Garrett and Kane caught. It sounds like the whole family had a great time.

While most of my family was gone, I spent some time with Wrig Marsh. He enjoys golfing, so he and I went to Turtle Back and he played some pretty fantastic golf while I acted as a caddy. On the eighteenth hole, he got two under par. He was so glad I was along to be a witness to that fact. He called his dad right away, and even Jim was impressed. I have never played golf, but one of these days he and I are going to hit a bucket of balls so that I can see if I can even hit a ball straight.

Miriah and Jeremy Olson surprised their friend, Aaron Anderson, on Saturday, June 14th with a party at their home in rural Shell Lake. (Aaron was having one of those annoying birthdays that end with zero.) Anyway, Miriah and Jeremy invited Aaron and his girlfriend, Britta, to ride along with them to the Stanley rodeo. Aaron’s brother, Tom, and Britta, who were in on the surprise, stalled Aaron long enough to ensure that he was late to “go to the rodeo.” When they finally pulled into the Olson’s driveway, the horse trailer was hooked up to the pickup and the horse was tied to it, ready to go. Aaron was very angry that he was late and holding things up but -----SURPRISE!! There was no rodeo, just a birthday party for him. In order to pull this off, Jeremy and Miriah had all the guests park their cars in the indoor arena so that Aaron wouldn’t know that anyone

else was there. To say he was surprised would be an understatement. Aaron is originally from Clayton, but has lived in Shell Lake for many years. There were lots of family and friends who came to the party. Many memories were shared and there were lots of laughs. Happy birthday, Aaron. Here’s wishing you many more in the future.

Kelly and Lily Orth traveled up from Arizona to visit with their Aunt Geri Pittman last week. They stopped in Iowa on the way up to visit with their cousin, Lauri. On Friday evening Kelly, Lily, Geri, Pat Olson, Dawn Copus and I went to Sal’s on 63 for supper. Kelly told us that the fish sandwich she had was the best she had ever had. Made Suzy feel very good. After supper we sat and visited at our house for a while. I enjoyed their visit so much – talking to Kelly is just like talking to her mom, Dorothy Orth.

On Saturday Kelly, Lily, Dan and Jess Pittman and Geri went to Hilltop for supper and enjoyed the food and conversations very much. And they stopped by Oak View AFH office one day to see how everything looks since their parents/grandparents are no longer there. Hillary Kidd, who helps keep everything running smoothly at Oak View, invited them in and showed them around. That made Kelly so happy. She said that, even though it is now an office, she would still picture her dad, Leroy Orth, sitting there in his recliner.

I have to run – Lawns to mow, garden to weed – you know how it is this time of year. Have a great week.

Hunt Hill Nature Center Upcoming Events

Program: Cakes at the Lake

Topic: Snake, Rattle & Roll with Snake Discovery

Date: Saturday, June 28, 20245

Time: Breakfast at 8:00am to 9:45am; Program at 10:00am to 11:00am

Location: Hunt Hill Nature Center, Sarona, WI

Registration is not required. Hunt Hill Nature Center will be hosting Cakes at the Lake on Saturday, June 28, 2025. Breakfast is served from 8:00 am to 9:45 am and is followed by a free environmental program sponsored by the Long Lake Preservation Association (www.longlakellpa.org) at 10:00 am. The topic of this Cakes at the Lake program is Snake, Rattle & Roll with Snake Discovery Center.

Join us for an exciting, hands-on program exploring the reptiles and amphibians of Minnesota and Wisconsin! Watch a salamander eat, debunk turtle myths, and maybe even touch a snake, if you’re up to it! This program will feature native turtles, snakes, a salamander, and exotic reptiles. After the pre-

sentation, enjoy a chance to interact with the animals!

Cakes at the Lake is an all-you-care-to-eat pancake breakfast which features buttermilk or lemon poppyseed pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit, and beverages. Breakfast is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 4 to 12 years old, and free for children three and under. The environmental program is free. Registration is not required.

Hunt Hill is a nonprofit nature preserve and learning center. You can find out more about Hunt Hill and its programs at www.hunthill.org or by calling 715-635-6543.

Program: Bat Roost Count

Date: Friday, July 11, 2025

Time: 8:00 - 9:30 pm

Location: Hunt Hill Nature Center, Sarona, WI

Program Fee: Free, donations appreciated.

Registration is not required, but strongly encouraged. Limit: 20 people

Interested in contributing to science and learning something new? Participate in a Bat Roost Count, a citizen science program, at Hunt Hill Nature Center on Friday,

July 11, 2025 from 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm. Citizen Science is scientific research that the public can participate in and contribute to data collection. No prior experience is needed to participate.

The baby bats have taken to the air! Join Hunt Hill in completing a second roost count after the babies have emerged to help get an idea of the bat’s population change over the summer. At this Bat Roost Count, learn about the types of bats that live in the area and ways that citizen scientists can help monitor them. Then, once the sun goes down, we will count the bats that emerge from the bat houses around camp and complete a roost count. There may also be a chance to try some acoustic monitoring. Participants need not have participated in the previous count to attend this one.

There is no program fee, but registration is highly recommended. For more information or to register, visit www.hunthill.org or call 715-635-6543.

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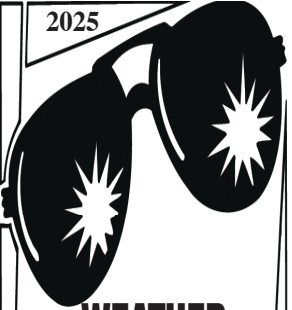
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2025



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OBITUARIES



Faith D. Barker

Faith Darlene Barker, 79, of Cumberland died Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at Marshfield Medical Center - Rice Lake. She was born December 17, 1945, in Racine, WI to Richard and Alice Martin. She graduated from Horlick High School in Racine in 1964. She married Robert Barker, Jr. and she raised four sons. Faith was active in the Augustana Lutheran Church quilting group, and also spent time at home crocheting. She was an avid sports fan; she loved to watch and listen to the Brewers, watch the Packers and NASCAR races. The last several years she has enjoyed Cumberland's music in

the park. Faith was the glue that held her family together, and holidays were always spent at her home. She will be dearly missed by those who knew and loved her. She is survived by her sons: Robert (Christina) Barker, III, Steven Barker (Edna Koskei), Rick (Jennifer) Barker, and Randy Barker; 8 grandchildren: Damon, Joel, Robert, Alexander, Dylan, Eli, Jackson, and Declan Barker; 4 great grandchildren: Kira, Elly, Grayson, and Nora; her brother, Dick (Barbara) Martin; nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends. Faith was preceded in death by grandchildren: Sophia, Julia, Hadley, and Henry. Visitation was held on Monday, June 23rd, at the Skinner Funeral Home in Cumberland. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at Augustana Lutheran Church, Cumberland, with Pastor Shane Anderson officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Lakeside Cemetery. Pallbearers were her eight grandsons.



Marcella A. "Marcy" Benson

Marcella Ann "Marcy" Benson, 43, of Cumberland died Thursday, May 22, 2025, at Lakeview Medical Center. She was born December 14, 1981, in Cumberland to George and Rose (Lieftring) Benson, was raised in Cumberland and graduated from Cumberland High School, class of 2001. She worked for 8 years at Burger King in Cumberland, several years at Walmart in Rice Lake and for 4 years as a para-teacher for Barron Riverside Middle School. She was blessed with

two children, Arianna and Isaiah, and later was married briefly to Steve Markegard. Marcy was always smiling and her kindness and friendship will be sorely missed by all who knew her. She is survived by her mother, Rose Benson of Cumberland; 2 children, the lights of her life: Arianna Thomas and Isaiah Thomas, both of Rice Lake; sisters: Christina Benson (Dick Hover) of Cumberland, Theresa (Bryan) Dawson of Cumberland, Linda Lund of Barron and Kelly (Jim) Slawter of Cumberland; brothers: Michael (Bonnie) Benson of Turtle Lake, Ronald Benson (Michele Kuhl Gonzalez) of Cumberland; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Marcy was preceded in death by her father, George Benson; sister, Kathleen Stauner; brother, Jim Benson; brother-in-law, Matt Lund and both maternal and paternal grand-

parents. A Celebration of Life will be held from Noon - 4 PM on August 9, 2025, at Cumberland Tourist Park. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Cumberland. Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland is serving the family.



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“Wonderful Creation of God”
by Pastor Diane Norstad
Trinity Lutheran Church

Wild geraniums, roses, irises, honeysuckle lined the road on my walk this morning. I could not help but ponder creation. I pondered the wonderful creation of God and a person who helped to greatly enhance my understanding of the world around us. Our church family at Trinity McKinley and Georgetown were looking to expand our understanding of our neighbors. We invited Chief Dan Mosay to speak to us and opened it to the public. It was and still is on the hearts of many of us that we haven’t always been in good relationship with our indigenous neighbors. This area has its history (and present) of discrimination and we didn’t want to continue that kind of hurt any further. Chief Mosay spoke eloquently from the heart about the respect of creation that it expanded my appreciation of creation and my neighbors. I am grateful. All of us have things we don’t know or understand. Our world seems to like to fight and argue far more than learn and reach out. It is challenging to reach out during times like these. It’s understandable that many wish to protect ourselves. Jesus calls us to risk loving our neighbors as ourselves. Jesus calls us to a better life. We are called to a life of fullness, meaning and a multitude of neighbors that will come and go in our lives. Be encouraged to learn and grow. Don’t allow life to fill you with fear and pain that may cause you to push away or misunderstand our neighbors. There are far more good people than bad and it’s worth taking a chance to reach out to all neighbors, especially those who can bring us new perspectives and experiences. God will be with you. Perhaps, you will find your understanding of life expanded and enriched. Perhaps, you will make life better for those around you. Perhaps, just perhaps, we can reach for unity rather than division. God bless you in your journey.
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2025 Taste in Cumberland!



The Island City’s Earliest Settlers Struggle for Food by Mark Fuller

-Through the eyes of Ed Christopherson

The following article comes from the notes of Bill Tappon, who sat down with his father Ed Christopherson, one of Cumberland’s earliest residents, and wrote down some of his dad’s earliest memories of the Island City. Mr. Christopherson arrived in America from his home in Solar, Norway in 1872 and made his way to the Cumberland area in the fall of 1874, settling in Section 10.

Mr. Christopherson passed away from tuberculosis in 1916, but leaves behind an incredible look at the hardships faced by our first settlers through his son.

The Struggle for Food

The early years were rugged. Although produce raised on their small acreages went far toward their own food supply, there was little chance of turning any surplus they might have into cash.

Cash was sorely lacking and was needed for the purchase of goods they could not raise. There was very little or no demand for vegetables from the townspeople as they also were on a close budget due to the low wages they received. They in turn resorted to raising their own gardens as well as keeping a few chickens to help out their food problems.

The farmers all kept a small flock of chickens and all the eggs gathered could be traded in at the store for groceries such as coffee, sugar, spices, etc. The price received for eggs was usually ten or twelve cents a dozen, which didn’t go very far, but at the same time, coffee could be bought at two pounds for a quarter. I remember the packaged but not ground Arbuckles coffee, which was sold under the Yuban brand.

Butter was also a trading item, but entailed a rather unique process before it could be marketed. The fresh milk was first cooled at the well, then poured into shallow pans. These pans of milk were then stored in the cool cellar until the cream had risen to the surface. The cream was then skimmed off with a rather flat ladle, which had holes through it to allow the thinner milk to drain out, but still retain the cream. This was a tedious process and all the cream could not be recovered, but it was the only known method at the time.

The cream was then allowed to set until partly

soured, at which time it was ready for churning. The time taken for churning depended upon the condition of the cream which in those days was a matter of guess work, whereas in modern butter making, everything is done scientifically and results are more uniform.

There were many types of churns used on farms, but the upright dash churn was the most common. Churning was a chore relegated to youngsters who were old enough to be useful. On one occasion, mother turned the churning over to my older brothers, Martin and Hans. After they had been diligently plying that dasher up and down for what must have been a couple hours, however, there was no indication of butter forming.

Martin suggested maybe it needed some air at which time they raised the dasher well over the top level of the cream and brought it back down with all the force they had. The result was devastating!

Cream was everywhere, on the ceiling, the floor and on themselves. They took one look at each other and there was a mad scramble for the door, not stopping until they reached the barn.

Mother always had a wonderful sense of humor and it brought an audible chuckle out of dad. The loss of cream was overlooked, but there was a clean-up waiting the boys when they finally returned.

At the turn of the century, a creamery was established in Cumberland and we were able to deliver our milk there where it was separated while we waited. The cream was sold to the creamery while the skim milk was returned to the farm to be fed to calves and hogs.

Enough milk was being produced by this time in the community to warrant the building of the Star Cheese Factory in 1903. It was organized as a Farmer’s Co-operative and the production of cheese started as soon as the building and equipment were ready.

The cheese maker was of Swiss nationality and the first cheese produced was brick, but after a year they converted to making cream and American cheddar. The next cheese maker was a Mr. King, who was also Swiss. He taught my brother Oscar the cheese making trade. Oscar would make cheese at several Wisconsin locations and spent much of his life at the trade.

Fresh meat was not always available except at butchering time. When a hog had been slaughtered, the heart and liver were the first used, then a couple of large roasts were saved for early use. It was customary to butcher hogs in the fall when the weather was getting cooler. The meat was either smoked or stored in barrels containing brine solution which would keep it edible for a long time.

Not much was wasted at butchering time. The blood was carefully extracted and placed in a vessel and was put through a beating process while it was being cooled. As soon as possible after cooling, it was made into blood sausage. It was considered a delicacy at that time, but I’m not sure how it is accepted today.

The head of the hog was also used. It was put through a special treatment which seemed to take a couple days of tedious work, but eventually ended up in several loaves of tasty head cheese.

A certain part of the intestines were separated from the rest, thoroughly scraped and cleaned, and were used as casings for some good pork sausage. When mother got through taking care of the carcass, there was very little left to be disposed of.

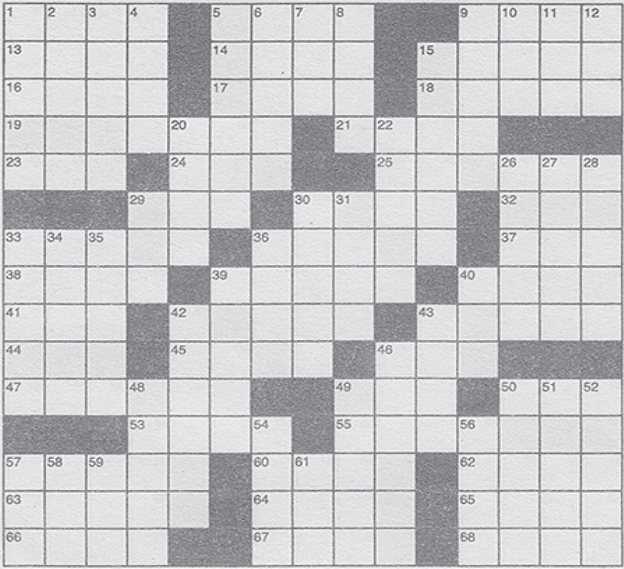
Another source of food was a plentiful supply of fish. All the lakes seemed to have an unending supply of hungry northern pike, bass, and walleye, plus a large supply of pan fish. It was common practice to hitch a team of horses to a wagon after spring work was finished and head to Granite Lake to catch some fish.

The lake couldn’t have been over five or six miles away, although it seemed a lot further then. It was an exceptional lake for overgrown northern pike. We would return in a couple days with nearly a half- filled wagon box of large pike.

Dad would salt the fish to keep them from spoiling until we reached home. Immediately upon our return, the fish were washed thoroughly, split open, re-salted, and hung high on the sunny west end of our log house to dry. When this was completed, the fish were bundled and stored and ready to eat during the winter months.

They could be freshened by soaking in cold water, which restored them almost to their original condition.

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Sports

Islanders Split Weekend Pair

The Cumberland Islanders split a pair of games this past weekend, beating Spooner 15-10 in a slug fest at Spooner before dropping a 6-2 home decision to the Brill Millers. The Islanders record stands at 1-2 on the year.

Saturday night at Spooner, Cumberland scored 8 runs in the second inning, 1 in the third, 2 in the sixth and 4 in the ninth. Spooner did most of the damage in the ninth, scoring 5 times to make the final score look more respectable.

Cooper Schramski and Uriah Johnson did most of the work on the mound with Jerrad Lindfors getting the games final out. Schramski led the offense with three hits while Levi Jensen had two hits including a long home run. The team benefited from some wild Spooner pitching that issued 13 walks in the contest.

Sunday afternoon the local nine hosted the Brill Millers. Vaughn Johnson started on the mound for Cumberland, while Cumberland High School Assistant Baseball Coach Joe Serbiak started for the Millers. Serbiak limited Cumberland to just 5 hits, going all 9 innings on the mound. Johnson pitched well for Cumberland, allowing but 3 runs through 7 innings of work. Brill put the game away breaking open a tight 3-2 contest with 3 runs in the ninth. Reid Olson led the Islanders with a triple and a booming home run. A nice crowd took in the game on a hot Sunday afternoon. The team is home this weekend for a pair of contests. Saturday, the Islanders take on Hayward and Sunday they host the Brill Millers in a rematch. Both games start at 1 pm. Check it out, the guys are fun to watch.

Sports Notebook

By Mark R Fuller

*Congratulations to Barron, who appeared in the State Baseball Tournament last week. It was the Bears 7th State Appearance, the most of any HON Team. The Beavers are second with six appearances, while Spooner has five. The Bears were defeated 14-4 by Kenosha St. Joes, who went on to take home the Championship.

*Congratulations to Cumberland Umpire Ritchie Narges, who worked the D3 Sectional and will be working the State All-Star Classic in Appleton this weekend. His yearly rankings continue to be well above the State average.

*Ryan Zemke, has been named the Beavers new Head Boy's Basketball Coach. Ryan has served as an Assistant Coach for

many years and has always had competitive teams throughout. The Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association's Boys and Girls All-Star Games, meanwhile, will be held at Justagame Fieldhouse in Wisconsin Dells this Wednesday, June 25th and Thursday, June 26th.

*Cumberland athletes had strong performances in the classroom as well as on the field this spring. Congratulations to Softball players Macy Beecroft, Morgan Monchilovich, Kelsey Reidy, and Baleigh Stouffer for earning Academic All-State honors!

*High School sports will be back in action in just over six weeks when High School Football practice begins on August 5.

Sports Look Back, June 29, 2005

Wednesday at Cumberland, the Islanders played host to the new Siren ball club. The Islanders beat up on Siren 15-0 in five innings. The contest was over early on. The Islanders were led by the bat of Randy Bielmeier, who went 3 for 3 with two triples and 7 RBI's. Dane Nickell added a pair of hits.

Justin Jobe got the victory going all five innings. In those five innings, he allowed only two base runners. The first on an error and a second runner on a single in the fifth inning. Munch looked very strong on the mound.

Both Chad Olson and Randy Bielmeier played good games. Chad had one hit in Wednesday's game, as well as playing good defense.

Seely Loggers

The Islanders had another good showing on Saturday in Seely. They won the game 4-2 with Jake Lundquist getting the pitching victory.

The Islanders scored runs the third, fourth, eighth and ninth innings. They were led by the bats of John Peterson, Jake Lundquist,

Jake Lundquist, Matt Jobe and Joe Miller, who went five for five. Michael Cifaldi played very well at third base and had a crucial sacrifice bunt in the ninth inning to help secure the victory. Joey Olson was also on base all four times and scored the go ahead run in the eighth inning.

Haugen Knights

The Cumberland crew took their five game winning streak on the road again, this time to Haugen. This game snapped their winning streak.

John Sopiwnik pitched very well on Sunday. He pitched seven strong innings, allowing only two earned runs. Justin Jobe allowed two runs in the bottom of the 10th with a walk-off homer by Travis Thompson.

Matt Jobe pushed his yearly hitting average over .500 with a five for six performance. John Peterson and Joe Miller stayed hot with three and two hits respectively. Michael Cifaldi and Griffin Severson had good games in the field.

Sunday Afternoon Baseball!



Cooper Schramski steals third base in the Islanders 6-2 home loss to the Brill Millers. The club is back home next Saturday and Sunday with game time set for 1 pm both days.



Cumberland pitcher Vaughn Johnson fielded a bunt and flipped to first for an out in the clubs 6-2 los to Brill.



Cumberland High School Assistant Baseball Coach and Brill Miller left hander Joe Serbiak was solid on the mound beating the Islanders allowing but 5 hits in the Millers 6-2 win Sunday in Cumberland.

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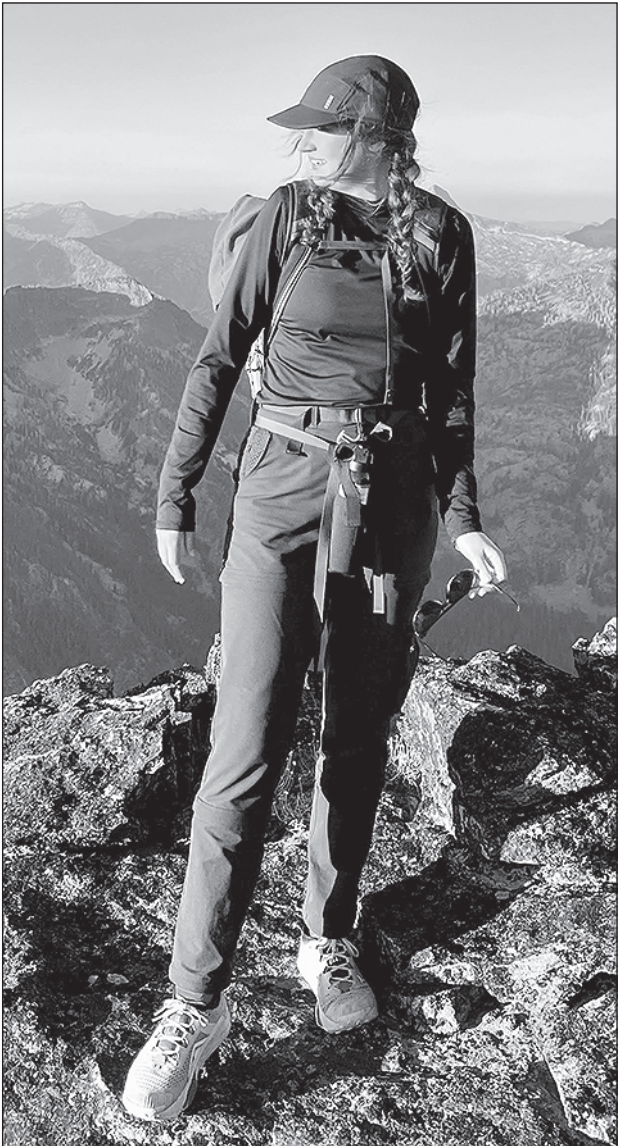
An Outdoorsman's Journal

By Mark Walters

Hello from Montana!

Hello friends,
This week I (Selina), am writing this week's column while my Dad is away in Canada. I have a year of travel and adventure to fill you all in on. This story will be about the great, good, and some ugly from my last year.
Moving to Montana is one of the best things I think I have done for myself. While it is difficult being so far away from family, the magic of the mountains has captured me. The people here are incredibly active and independent and that has pushed me as well. Getting passed by people of all ages, 5-75, on hiking trails was a good reality check to step up my game (adjusting from flatland is not easy). Now I hike nearly daily and think I am the strongest I have ever been.
One of my favorite activities I have gotten into is downhill skiing! Thanks to Sue and Jeff Moll, I came to Montana with some skis, but no experience actually skiing. Fortunately, I have many friends out here that are avid skiers and thy were more than willing to take me under their wing and teach me a thing or two. I didn't think that I would be, but now I'm hooked! I got a season pass to a local resort around here and look forward to being a bit of a ski bum this next winter.
Last fall was also a very pivotal time for me as it was the first time I was truly hunting independently and not with the help of my Dad. Although I did not harvest anything I was happy to be able to say I went and did it totally on my own, and look forward to growing more and more independent and skilled as the years progress.
After much thought and consideration in April I stepped away from my job working with the USFWS as a biologist. I think this is the hardest decision I have had to make thus far in my life, and while it was not easy, I have no regrets in my choice. It is no secret that this year has been difficult on federal employees and I was no exception to that. The stress from being worried if I was going to be fired

nearly every day took a big toll on my mental health. Additionally if I were to get fired financially I would have been in some hot water very quick. (The way that I resigned I remain a federal employee through September and am still receiving full benefits.) While Montana is gorgeous and incredible, it is not a cheap place to live. Additionally, while I was incredibly grateful to land such a good position at a young age, I was primarily an office biologist. As you move up in this career field, field time tends to decrease and office time increases, I'm sure I will be a desk jockey at some point again in the future but I was not ready to have my glory days behind me.
After resigning, I decided to take a road trip out to various State and National Parks in Southern Utah. I built a sleep platform in the back of my car and hit the road solo! I was quite nervous (but had all safety precautions I needed) as this would be the first trip of that caliber I did solo, but all went well and I couldn't have been happier with the turnout! I ran into a friend I hadn't seen in three years in Bryce Canyon NP and enjoyed taking some easy time and living completely on my own schedule.
Now, not everything can go well all of the time. Since my trip to Utah life has been throwing some right hooks my way. Mid-May I was supposed to meet some college friends on a fishing trip about 5 hours from Missoula and then was going to head to Wisconsin from there. On the way my car broke down, which ended both of those plans quickly and also was an additional expense I wasn't ecstatic about. I've started a new tech job for the summer, (you'll get more information on this later) where I work 8 days on and 6 days off. I'm really excited about this position, but the beginning has not been easy. Lately I have been having some health issues which decided to spring up right when I started the job, and again during my second hitch. What a way to make a first impression, ugh! Overall I know this is just a rough



Mountain peaks are a favorite type of hike for Selina!

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-Selina
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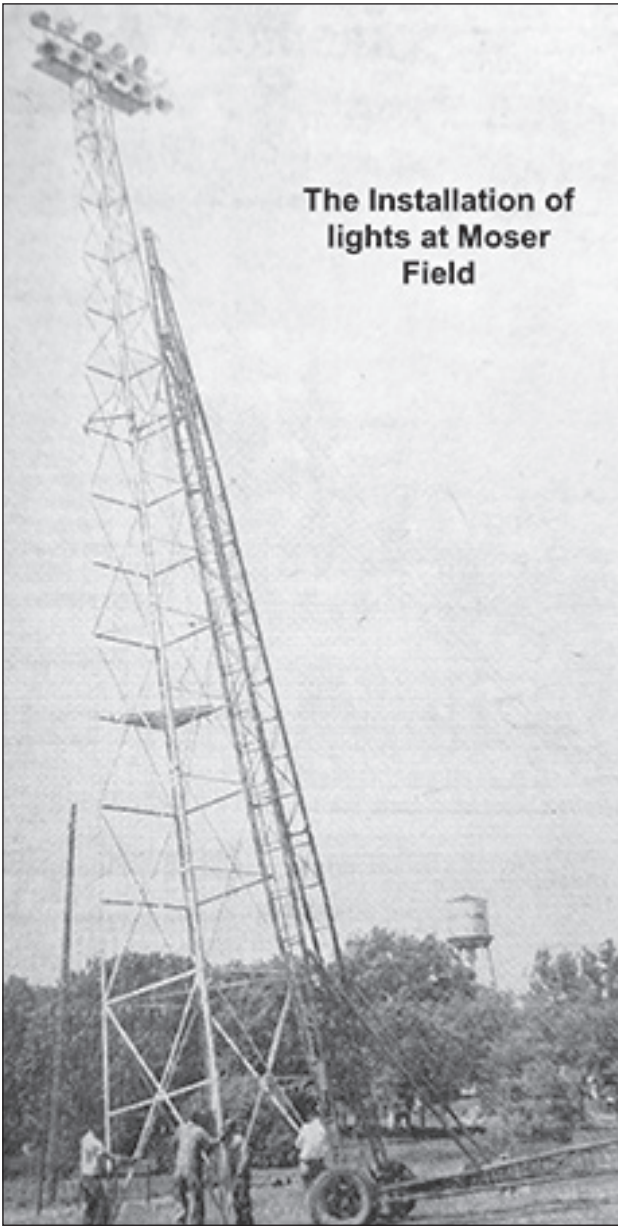
by Mark R. Fuller

Cumberland's baseball history goes back to the late 1800s as it was the favorite of area residents from the time they first settled here. Local teams could be found in Arland, Almena, Pipe Lake, Silver Lake, Clayton, Chetek, Comstock, Shell Lake, Barronnett, Lewis, Timberland, Section 10, Crystal Lake, Indian Creek, McKinley, and Cumberland.
An example of a typical summer Sunday afternoon in 1897 found the Cumberland Baseball Club defeating New Richmond, 16-11. According to the Advocate, "The visitors claimed the umpire was partial to the home team, which sounds a little fishy when the fact is that sixteen of the visitors failed to hit the ball at all. People who play ball should learn the rules, as the days of "Prairie ball" are over."
The high school organized their first team in 1896. After a couple years of minimal competition, they would join the newly formed Barron County League in 1898 where they would win eight, lose three and tie one their first season. Cal De Forest was the

pitcher on that team, while others in the line-up included Bert Miller, James Doar, and Steve Corbett.
Many great players emerged throughout the next 130 years. One would have a tough time mentioning all of the greats from Ken Barrows and Julie Alfonso to Buzz Moen and Jay Gagner, who was Wisconsin's High School Player of the Year in 2001. Another name which would also certainly pop up was that of Al Peer, a lefthanded pitcher from Pipe Lake.
Peer joined the Cumberland Islanders in 1950 with the reputation as a fireballer with streaks of wildness. It didn't take long for his reputation to grow when he struck out 22 batters in the first game ever played under the lights of Moser Field on July 6, 1950. It was one of many incredible games he pitched that season.
The following summer, Peer went 9 and 2 as the Cumberland contingent qualified for the Wisconsin Amateur Baseball Association's State Tournament, where he pitched the Islanders to a 7-3 victory over Park Falls in their opener.

It was just the beginning of the teams great run over the next five years.
Between 1952 and 1956, the Islanders would win three WABA State Titles. During that time, Peer would go 75 and 9 on the mound and win two State Tournament MVP Awards.
It started with a 18-0 record on the mound during the 1952 season. The year concluded when Peer threw a one-hitter and struck out 15 in the Championship game. In 1953, Peer had another outstanding summer striking out 197 batter in 141 innings of work, while during the 1956 Championship year, Peer went 18 and 0 with seven shutouts and 201 strikeouts in 148 innings. During the State Tournament, for which he was the unanimous MVP, he allowed one run in 21 innings, while striking out 28.
Perhaps his greatest game, however, came in 1957, when he defeated the Milwaukee Braves Class D Minor League Team 3 to 1. The Braves, whose roster included Bob Uecker, would travel here during a break in their Northern League Schedule. The

Cumberland lefty went six innings in the contest, allowing only one hit, while striking out eight. The Eau Claire Leader-Telegram ran a story the next day marveling at the play of this tiny northern community and the work of their pitcher.
In 1958, Peer brought devastating news to the city when he announced he was leaving to take over a business in Cushing. Before he was gone, however, "Al Peer Night" was held at the ballpark where Peer pitched five innings, striking out eight batters. It was appropriate that he had such an outing in his last game.
He did return one final time, however, in August of 1959 to join the Islanders as they celebrated the ninth anniversary of the addition of lights at Moser Field. He pitched the team to victory over Rice Lake, making his last visit a memorable one.
The evening concluded the great career of the lefty from Pipe Lake, but his exploits on the mound would not be forgotten. He left as one of the best the "Island City" had ever seen.



Gavin Benson Attends Badger Boys State



Gavin Benson
Last week, Gavin Benson, a Junior from Cumberland, attended the 82nd session of Badger Boys State. Hundreds of young leaders from across the state attend UW Eau Claire for a week. Badger Boys State is ex-

ceptional at identifying, creating, and empowering the leaders of tomorrow, not just for this week but for a lifetime. Badger Boys State is a fantastic experience in leadership, collaboration, and communication with students from around the state.
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Gavin said that this was a great experience and he would highly recommend this program to all Juniors at Cumberland High School. He also said that he learned a lot about the Government, leadership, and made a lot of new friends. Gavin maintains a 3.9 GPA at Cumberland High School and plans on attending either UW-Stout or UW-Eau Claire upon graduation.
Gavin was sponsored by Cumberland Federal Bank.
Thank you.
Sincerely,
Mark Mauer

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SHOP CUMBERLAND!



Barron County Chief Deputy Jason Hagen has been named as Interim Sheriff following the County Board Meeting held on June 17th. Hagen has been heading the department since former Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald retired on June 1st. Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers has yet to name a successor for the job.

School Board...

Dr. Rose discussed the Ground Breaking and Open House night, which went extremely well and gave an update on the ongoing construction. The District Office has been officially moved to the North Campus and the West Wing is coming along nicely, while adding the building project has a few little things to remedy, but there are no delays on permits and nothing that will hold the work from moving along on time.

He also discussed the sidewalk project at the Elementary School, which will include additional sidewalk room, helping to eliminate student safety concerns. Dr. Rose added that implementation of sidewalks behind the school would begin this week and plans to remove a few trees around the school is part of the entire project.

The evening concluded with Administrative Reports. High School Principal Dan Hopkins began with a look at both National and Local data on cell phones and education.

A Power point presented to the Board along with other data showed that the average age for a student's first cell phone was 10-years old. It also indicated that 95 percent of teenager's own cell phones and increases in anxiety, depression, and suicide are part of today's mental health trends. Mr. Hopkins added that, "The general feeling is that too much time on cell phones is not healthy and they are distracting to the educational process."

Mr. Hopkins then covered data and accumulated statistics from the current school policy that forbids students from having cell phone on them from 8:20 am to 3:30 pm. He further discussed potential additions to the policy, coming from discussions with other Districts, something that will continue as the issue is studied further.

Middle School Principal Colin Green continued with a wrap-up of the many student activities that were part of Beaver Ridge, a successful round of the 8th grade speeches, and a 4th grade transition day which was held during the last week of school.

Elementary Principal Abe Ferguson then summarized the final activities at his building which included the Beaver Bash, an Awards program, and the participation of 30 Elementary students at the Celebration of the Arts in the Park last weekend.

Superintendent Dr. Rose completed the Administrative Reports by announcing that School Resource Officer, Dylan Feiertag, had resigned after four years on the job, thanking him for his duties. Dr. Rose called the position an "Educational Resource in our District and one which provides a connection with kids." He further announced that the current partnership with Chief Wolfe of the City provides for a 70/30 split for the officer and the goal is to find another "Good fit" for the District. To date, seven individuals have applied for the position.

With this, the Board set their next meeting date for 6:00 pm on July 15 and moved into a closed session.

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The 10th District American Legion Auxiliary nominated Holly Hargrave, for the Good Deed Award for donating her sheep at last years Barron County Fair to be auctioned to raise money for Lexi Anderson's heart transplant. The sheep raised \$27,000. The Good Deed Award is a national award and quite prestigious. Pictured left to right are Carla Hargrave, Holly Hargrave, Lexi Anderson and Tamala and Jamie Anderson. Congratulations Holly!

Need A Boat?



John and Mary Schwanke have generously donated this Alumacraft 14 foot boat and 9.9 Johnson motor to be raffled off at the annual Firehouse Pancake Breakfast on July 4th at th Fire Hall. The money raised will be used for the purchase of a new rescue boat. Tickets are available at Louies, Comstock Cheese & Sausage, Bourbons Bar, Hammer Bar, Corner Bar, Ace Hardware and will be available the morning of the breakfast at the Fire Hall. Pictured from left to right are firemen Jake Lundquist, Barry Kuenkel, Greg Weaver, Adam Newhouse, John Schwanke and firemen Matt Isker, Chad Olson, Andy Stuntz and Jim Hulleman. Thank you John and Mary!

Could Have Been Much Worse!



On Wednesday, June 18, at approximately 8:15 am, a 21-year-old male driver veered off the road, hit a utility pole, rolled and hit a tree on Eighth Avenue near Cumberland Family Dental. He was uninjured. Speed and inattentive driving are believed to be contributing factors to the crash.

Stunning!



Brendan Henehan snapped this beautiful photo of two loons and their loonlets on the north side of Library Lake last Wednesday morning.